

REMARKS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on May 12, 2005 and is being filed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as provided under 37 CFR 1.114. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1-28 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicants have: 1) amended claims 1-4, 7, 10, and 12-14; 2) added no new claims; and 3) canceled claims 19-23. As such, claims 1-18 and 24-28 are now pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference on November 1, 2005. During the interview, distinctions between the current set of claims and the prior art reference, Witteman, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0055950 A1, were discussed. In particular, it was discussed that Witteman does not teach or suggest (among other limitations) dividing an audio sequence into a plurality of equally-sized audio data groups. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the current set of claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes an additional telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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